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SUBJ: NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT OFFER

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INFO POSTS PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR HANDLEY

1. APPRECIATE LEARNING THAT GUB IS PREPARING REPLY TO OUR
NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT OFFER.

2. ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF PRESSING GUB

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FOR EARLY ANSWER, AT SAME TIME WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL FOR

YOU TO CONVEY IN ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GUB OFFICIALS FOLLOWING TECHNICAL ASPECT OF OBLIGATING FUNDS FOR THIS EQUIPMENT. FUNDS FOR APPROVED WORLD-WIDE FY 74 NARCOTICS PROGRAMS MUST BE OBLIGATED BY JUNE 30 THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH EXPENDITURE NOT NECESSARY BY THAT TIME. USG AGENCIES HAVE BEGUN TO COMMIT SPECIFIC AMOUNTS FOR AGREED PROGRAMS AND SET ASIDE OTHER AMOUNTS FOR ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BURMA PACKAGE. AS DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR, FLEXIBILITY IN SHIFTING FUNDS ON PRIORITY BASIS FROM -ONE PROGRAM TO ANOTHER DIMINISHES AND NEED FOR MORE PRECISE FIGURES INCREASES. MOREOVER, BECAUSE OF HEAVY PRODUCTION COMMITMENTS BY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THE SOONER AN ORDER CAN BE PLACED FOR NEEDED EQUIPMENT THE SOONER END-USERS CAN BE SATISFIED. FINALLY, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC TYPES OF

EQUIPMENT AND THEIR EXACT TOTAL COST MAY NOT BE KNOWN FOR SOME PERIOD AFTER GUB ACCEPTS USG OFFER (ASSUMING THIS IS CASE), WE WILL NEED TO KNOW AT EARLY STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS THE GENERAL TYPE AND SCOPE OF PROGRAM REQUIRED. IN SUM, THE SOONER WE KNOW GUB REACTION TO OUR OFFER, THE MORE RAPIDLY WE CAN MEET THEIR NEEDS.

3. SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT (REF B), AND IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, AMBASSADOR HANDLEY CAN DISCUSS THIS ALONG WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED PACKAGE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. RUSH

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